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(54) Title: PAINTABLE PRIMER SYSTEM

(57) Abstract: A paintable primer composition comprising a dispersion, or chip is disclosed. The chip is produced from a dispersion comprising a thermoplastic polymer, a phthalate ester of a C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> alkylated aromatic alcohol, a surfactant and other components selected from a metal carbonate, a white metal oxide pigment, an alkaline earth metal salt of a C<sub>7</sub>-C<sub>20</sub> aliphatic fatty acid, a lower alkyl methacrylate polymer, a solvent and a rust inhibitor. The paintable primer composition is particularly suitable for painting surfaces, such as metals, composite materials and thermoplastic polyolefins including polyethylene, polypropylene, polystyrene, thermoplastic elastomer or ethylene-propylene rubbers. Painting of polyethylene surfaces may be assisted by precoating with an adhesion promoter comprising an aromatic hydrocarbon, a co-polymer of a C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> alkene and a vinyl ester and a chlorinated polyolefin.

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